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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Applicant(s) Application No. 09/698.274 YAMAGUCHI ET AL. Interview Summary Art Unit Examiner 2826 Fetsum Abraham All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Fetsum Abraham. (3)____. (4)____. (2) Ralph Webb. Date of Interview: 05 January 2004. Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative] Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes el 🕅 No If Yes, brief description: _____. Claim(s) discussed: 6,7,12,31,37 and 38. Identification of prior art discussed: 6.348.368. Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was

reached, or any other comments: The <u>proposed amendedment was discussed and the changes in the claim language</u> approved by the examiner to have made a qualitative difference because it seems to have specified and narrowed the claimed structure. However, RCE action by applicant was also discussed as the right action before the amended after final rejection may be reconsidered.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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